

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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January-February 2009

Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn

Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

All Programs are Eastern Standard Time!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at
www.interpretiveservices.in.gov



Saturday January 10

- 11:00am **Winter Signs and Stories in the Snow.** Bundle up and join us at the Nature Center for a Short 45 to 60 minute walk looking at stories told to us by the signs in snow and in the surrounding Landscape. Prepare for some off-trail walking. AH
- 3:00pm **Snakes Alive!** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short “show ‘n’ tell” type session on one of our most interesting, but often misunderstood group of animals. A good program, especially if you’re uncomfortable around these reptiles. AH

Sunday January 11

- 9:00am **Junco Jaunt.** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet in the Inn hallway by the coffee machine for our traditional Sunday morning journey looking for Juncos and other snowbirds and winter wildlife. The snow could be deep in places, so dress appropriately! Bundle up and join us! AH
- 11:00am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of observing our Nature Center chores! Watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourselves! AH

Saturday January 17

- 3:00pm **Owl Pellet Probing!** Some may think, “oh gross!” but you’ll be saying “aww cool!” after discovering bones and other animal parts in the coughed-up pellets from owl dinners. Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium. AH

Sunday January 18

- 8:30am **Sunday Morning Ski-In.** Sign up Friday night or Saturday at the Inn Front Desk for this early Sunday morning ski-in! You may use your own equipment or borrow from the park. We'll begin our tour at the Ski Rental Shelterhouse promptly at 8:30am, so please arrive early if you are picking up park skis. We'll have a fire and hot drinks along the way. Prior registration is required and enrollment is limited! Program fee is \$5.00 (includes use of Park skis if you don't have your own.) In lieu of no snow, or poor trail conditions, we'll still meet at the Inn Hallway (by the coffee machines!), for a short morning hike. Check at the Inn Front Desk for program status. FW
- 11:00am **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, January 11, 11:00am for details. AH
- 2:00pm **Snowshoe Shuffle.** Discover the winter world of Pokagon on snowshoes! Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on snowshoes and the sport, then we'll take off on a short 45-minute walk through the woods. Snowshoes available on first come-first serve basis. In case of too little snow, we'll still do a hike in the nearby woodlands. FW



Monday January 19 - Martin Luther King Day

Nature Center will be open today 10am to 5pm



Saturday January 24

- 11:00am **Behind the Scenes of the Pokagon Nature Center-** There is a lot to see and do here at the Nature Center. But, many of our critters stay behind the scenes because of various reasons. This morning, the interpreter will be exhibiting some of the hidden animals that most people don't see. Come and take a peek at what's hidden down below. AH
- 2:00pm **Just a Few Furs.** Come to the warm comforts of the Nature Center Auditorium for a short discussion and show 'n' tell session on the pelts of some Pokagon mammals and how they keep them warm in the winter and provide the coat they need year-round. AH

Sunday January 25

- 8:30am **Sunday Morning Ski In.** See Sunday, January 18, at 8:30am for details. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, January 11, at 11:00am for details. AH

Sunday January 26th to Friday January 30th

Welcome Potawatomi Inn Elderhostel! Check at Nature Center or Potawatomi Inn for brochure and details.

Saturday January 31

- 10:00am **Winter Wetlands.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We'll visit some wetland habitat, including Pokagon's tiny, hidden Lake Lonidaw. We'll also investigate this unique area of our park in the heart of winter. FW
- 2:00pm **Scatology!** Scatology is the study of what?! Come to the Nature Center Auditorium and get the poop (if you know what we mean) on how we can identify animals by what they leave behind. Prizes for those who know their poop! FW

Sunday February 1

- 8:30am **Sunday Morning Ski In.** See Sunday, January 18, at 8:30am for details. FW

Saturday February 7

- 3:00pm **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close up look at our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll talk about how they are surviving the winter, then let a few move about the Nature Center Auditorium. Join us!

Sunday February 8

- 8:30am **Sunday Morning Ski In.** See Sunday, January 18, at 8:30am for details. FW

Saturday February 14

- 11:00am **An American Boy – Tribute to our Pokagon Boys Camp.** Gather in the Nature Center Auditorium for a viewing of this half-hour movie following the life of a 12 year old boy growing up in Indiana in 1948. The filmmaker has vivid memories of our Pokagon Boys Camp and has paid a special tribute with this movie.
- 2:00pm **An American Boy** - See above.

Sunday February 15

- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, January 11, at 11:00am for details. AH

Monday February 16th to Friday February 20 **Welcome Great Lakes Park Training Institute!**

Saturday February 21

- 11:00am **Winter Signs and Stories in the Snow.** See Saturday, January 10, at 11:00am FW
- 4:00pm **Ice Fishing Demonstration.** Bring your warmest of clothes and boots and meet the interpreter at the Inn Main Entrance Lobby. From there we'll walk down to Lake Lonidaw where we'll try out some of the equipment and techniques of ice fishing. In lieu of poor ice conditions, we'll take a wetland walk from the Inn Front Entrance. AH

Sunday February 22

- 8:30am **Sunday Morning Ski In.** See Sunday, January 18, at 8:30am for details. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, January 11, at 11:00am for details. DH

Saturday February 28

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Sunday March 1

- 8:30am **A Winter Woods Awakening Walk.** See Sunday, January 11 (Junco Jaunt) at 8:30am for details. FW

Nature Center School Season Hours:

Monday to Friday, 1pm to 5pm - Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm.